response, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors; immediate construction of temporary (intermediate) shelters and repair/restoration of infrastructure. The Government of India has not accepted external assistance for immediate relief and response. The Government of Andhra Pradesh reported that Rs. 80.80 crore is being spent. The Government of Kerala reported that Rs. 81.78 crore has been sanctioned by them of which Rs. 58.14 crore has been released. The Union Territories of Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands reported that Rs. 60.47 crore and Rs. 184.38 crore respectively have been spent by them so far.

Seeting up of command and control structure

290. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up a Command and Control structure to deal with the situation arising from terror attacks or natural disasters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has introduced the Disaster Management Bill 2005 in the Rajya Sabha. The Bill *inter-alia* provides for strengthening the existing disaster management mechanism in the country, which would facilitate a holistic, coordinated and prompt response to disaster situations, natural and man made. The bill also provides for constitution of Disaster Management Authorities at National, State and District level, formulation and implementation of disaster Management Plans, and for the establishment of the National Disaster Response Force. The National Disaster Response Force has been constituted for specialist response in any disaster/crisis situations. Search And Rescue (SAR) teams are also being constituted by State and UTs for immediate response. The States/UTs have been permitted to procure necessary equipments for Search and Rescue teams under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).

Use of Nepal and Bangladesh borders by terrorists/insurgents

†291. SHRI KAL RAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.